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BRIEF GUIDE TO THE STATE FORESTS AND OTHER STATE RESERVATIONS

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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There are now sixty-five State forests, comprising about one hundred thirty thousand acres of land, largely in the central and western parts of Massachusetts. There are also two reservations, Salisbury Beach and Standish Monument and two parks. These are all under the control and management of the Commissioner of Conservation. In their acreage are included many delightful ponds, elevations of considerable height, and also water-falls, gorges, swimming ponds and lakes, and varied scenic attractions.

Among the beauty spots we especially call the attention of the tourist and pleasure-seeker to Bash Bish Falls in Mount Washington, Upper Spectacle Pond in Otis, the Mohawk Trail, Mount Grace in Warwick, Windsor Jambes, Willard Brook in Ashby, Tannery Brook Falls in Savoy, the panoramic view from Monroe, and the Standish Monument Reservation in Duxbury.

Through the co-operation of the Federal Forest Service and the National Park Service during the past year or more, we have had the services of thirty-one C. C. C. Camps in carrying out the development of our forests. Roads, bridges, dams, parking areas, camping sites, pools, and even lakes have been constructed. Fireplaces and sanitary conveniences have been and are being added, and log cabins for rent for camping are now in process of construction.

A list of State forests and reservations follows, with locations, accessibility, and other interesting information.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY

Shawme State Forest. Located in Sandwich and Bourne. Mostly scrub oak and pitch pine. Planted land. Low elevations give wide views. Named from Shawme Pond, about one-half mile from forest. Entrance to reservation house at boulder with tablet on right of state road between Sagamore and Sandwich Village.

Roland C. Nickerson State Forest Park. Located in Brewster.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY

Arthur Warton Swann State Forest. Located in Monterey. Highest elevation 2,100 feet. Great Barrington-Monterey road. Entrance at second cross-road about five miles from Great Barrington and about one and one-quarter miles from junction of Lake Buel road.

Bash Bish State Forest. Located in Mount Washington. Contains the famous Bash Bish Falls. Approached from New York side through Copake. View of fall approaching from Copake.

Beartown State Forest. Located in Monterey, Great Barrington, Lee and Tyringham. Highest elevation is Mount Wilcox, 2,150 feet. Artificial lake made from Benedict Pond, with picnic ground, and parking space. Approached from South Lee or Great Barrington.

Becket State Forest. Located in Becket. Part of it borders on Jacob's Ladder Highway.

Campbell Falls State Forest. Located in New Marlborough. Easily accessible from Norfolk, Connecticut. Picnic grounds over the State line in Connecticut. Falls 75 feet high.

Clarksburg State Forest. Located in Clarksburg and North Adams. Highest elevation 2,260 feet. Foot trail north through forest from Blackinton to Vermont line connects with Vermont Long Trail.

Huntington State Forest. Located in Huntington.

Mohawk Trail State Forest. Located in Charlemont, Hawley, Savoy and Florida. (Partly in Franklin County). Lies on both sides of highway, and includes some of the finest scenery on the Trail. (Route 2) Original Mohawk Indian Trail accessible from State automobile camp. Only rock crib bridge in Massachusetts all hand-hewn has been built here.

Log cabins for rent are being built here.

There are facilities for handling a large number of overnight and week-end campers. It is equipped with tables, fireplaces and swimming pool.

October Mountain State Forest. Located in Lee, Lenox, Becket and Washington. Good spruce and hemlock growth. Highest elevation 2,000 feet. Extensive views from Washington Village. Scenic road to summit by way of Washington Brook from Lenox Dale.

A beautiful parking space has been provided at the summit of October Mountain, in the town of Washington, equipped with fireplaces and tables for overnight or week-end camping.

At Nigger Hollow Brook trails, camping places and picnic grounds have been developed. A breeding area for birds and a game sanctuary is being established.

Otis State Forest. Located in Otis, Becket, Sandisfield and Tyringham. Part of shore of White Lily Pond included in forest.

Upper Spectacle Pond has been enlarged and restored, stocked with fish, and picnic grounds developed. It is accessible from the Monterey-Otis state road.

Peru State Forest. Located in Peru and Middlefield. Greatest elevation 2,230 feet.

There is a small pond and picnic ground near Hinsdale-Middlefield state road.

Pittsfield State Forest. Located in Pittsfield, Hancock and Lanesborough. Elevation 2,200 feet.

There is a picnic ground under construction at Lulu Cascade and Berry Pond.

Sandisfield State Forest. Located in Sandisfield and New Marlborough.

Here York Lake has been constructed and picnic grounds provided. Accessible from New Marlborough.

Savoy Mountain State Forest. Located in Savoy, Adams, North Adams and Florida. Highest elevation 2,500 feet. Fire tower. From the tower may be obtained one of the most extensive views in Massachusetts, magnificent outlook on Greylock Range. Also Tannery Brook Falls is within this forest.

Windsor State Forest. Located in Windsor and Savoy. Contains the celebrated Windsor Jambs, a gorge rivaling the celebrated Flume in Franconia Notch. Accessible from Savoy Hollow or West Cumington. (Route 109).

There is a parking space provided with tables and fireplaces.

BRISTOL COUNTY

Freetown-Fall River State Forest. Located in Freetown and Fall River.

Rehoboth State Forest. Located in Rehoboth. On this land is the Fire Observation Tower.

DUKES COUNTY

Marthas Vineyard State Forest. Located in Edgartown and West Tisbury. Scrub oak and planted land. No elevation. Superintendent's house most accessible from Vineyard Haven, via Edgartown Road.

ESSEX COUNTY

Boxford State Forest. Located in Boxford, North Andover and Middleton. Adjoins the Game Sanctuary.

Georgetown-Rowley State Forest. Located in Boxford, Rowley and Georgetown. It is partly wooded.

Harold Parker State Forest. Located in Andover, North Andover, North Reading and Middleton. Easily accessible from state highways in Andover and Reading, via Salem Street or Haverhill turnpike.

Picnic grounds, recreation ponds, and artificial ponds for breeding fish have been constructed here. Accessible from Lawrence-Haverhill state highway, Route 125.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Colrain State Forest. Located in Colrain and Heath. One of the oldest plantations on our forests. Slightly country. Elevations, 1,740 feet. Take road north from Shelburne Falls through Griswoldville to Colrain and continue in northwesterly direction to Christian Hill.

Conway State Forest. Located in Conway and Williamsburg.

Erving State Forest. Located in Erving, Northfield and Warwick. On this forest is Laurel Lake, approached from Erving (about three and one-half miles). Small model nursery on state road near Erving Village, Route 2.

Good bathing at Laurel Lake and picnic tables and benches are provided.

Hawley State Forest. Located in Hawley and Plainfield. Elevation of 1,800 feet in places.

Mount Grace State Forest. Located in Warwick. Elevation 1,600 feet. Fireplaces and shelters. Fire tower. Good view. Second highest peak east of Connecticut River. Leave Mohawk Trail Route at Orange for Warwick.

At the Gulf camp site at the foot of the mountain, tables, fireplaces and bathing pools are provided for picnic parties, on road from Warwick to Winchester, N. H. Route 78.

Monroe State Forest. Located in Monroe, Rowe and Florida. Elevation 2,400 feet. Picnic ground on cliff overlooking Deerfield River Gorge. Take road from Mohawk Trail to Monroe.

Northfield State Forest. Located in Northfield.

Shutesbury State Forest. Located in Shutesbury and New Salem.

Warwick State Forest. Located in Warwick.

Wendell State Forest. Located in Wendell, Orange and Montague.

HAMPDEN COUNTY

Brimfield State Forest. Located in Brimfield and Wales.

There is a pond, picnic ground and trail on Deth Hill Road, just off Route 20.

Chester-Blandford State Forest. Located in Blandford and Chester. Bounds on Jacob's Ladder Highway near Chester, where there are picnic grounds.

Two parking spaces on the highway (Route 20) are equipped with tables and fireplaces and are suitable for large parties overnight or week-ends.

Sanderson Brook Falls (100 ft.) is accessible from Route 20, by road and trail, and is one of the most beautiful falls in Massachusetts.

Tolland-Granville State Forest. Located in Tolland, Granville, Blandford and Otis. Fire tower. Hubbard River runs through the forest.

Tables are provided for luncheon parties, at Hubbard River.

There are trails and parking spaces along Hubbard River. In Tolland there is a picnic ground on the shores of Otis Reservoir, accessible from East Otis.

Robinson State Park. Located in Agawam, West Springfield and Westfield. Borders on Agawam and Westfield Rivers.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

Daughters of the American Revolution State Forest. Located in Goshen and Ashfield. One-half mile from Berkshire Trail. More's Hill, elevation 1,713 feet.

There are tables, fireplaces for tourists, and trail to More's Hill.

Worthington State Forest. Located in Worthington. Elevation 2,000 feet.

Tables are provided for tourists. On Route 109A, 1 mile west of Worthington Corners.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Billerica State Forest. Located in Billerica. Includes Gilson Hill, so-called Indian Rock, and a clear spring of water.

Carlisle State Forest. Located in Carlisle. This is a small grove formerly known as "Carlisle Pines".

Hopkinton State Forest. The so-called glebe land is located in Hopkinton. It presents no unusual features.

Willard Brook State Forest. Located in Townsend and Ashby, on the road from Boston via Groton to Keene, N. H. (Route 119). The land acquired lies on both sides of Willard Brook and comprises wooded slopes, and contains Trap Falls, so-called.

Week-end and overnight campers are provided with tables, fireplaces and there is a swimming pool, also toilet facilities, and log cabins for by-the-week-camping, at a stated figure.

Sudbury State Forest. Located in Sudbury, Hudson and Stow. Mostly young growth. Adjoins property of Wayside Inn.

Townsend State Forest. Located in Townsend. About 600 feet elevation.

NANTUCKET COUNTY

Nantucket State Forest. Located in Nantucket. It consists of a small plantation.

NORFOLK COUNTY

Foxborough State Forest. Located in Foxborough and Wrentham. Parking space and outlook at High Rock. Accessible from New Providence Road and West Street, Wrentham.

Wrentham State Forest. Located in Wrentham.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Myles Standish State Forest. Located in Plymouth and Carver. It contains twelve ponds and has public camping sites. To reach the forest from South Carver, take Federal Pond Road running north towards Plymouth, turn right at marked junction about one-half mile from South Carver. This road is marked at intervals to reservation house. Entering from Plymouth, take South Street from Plymouth Common, following College Pond signs on dirt road in Reservation.

Week-end and overnight camping facilities, tables, benches, fire-places, and water are provided on camp sites on several ponds. Also log cabins for rent.

Standish Monument Reservation. Located in South Duxbury on the shore of Plymouth Bay. Low elevation crowned by monument to Captain Myles Standish, which is ascended yearly by thousands.

WORCESTER COUNTY

Ashburnham State Forest. Located in Ashburnham, Gardner and Westminster.

Barre State Forest. Located in Barre and Rutland, within three-quarters of a mile of Barre Falls.

Douglas State Forest. Located in Douglas. Borders on Wallis Reservoir. About 800 feet elevation.

Hubbardston State Forest. Located in Hubbardston and Phillipston.

Leominster State Forest. Located in Leominster, Princeton, Sterling and Westminster.

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Marlborough State Forest. Located in Marlborough.

Oakham State Forest. Located in Oakham and Rutland.

Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs State Forest. Located in Petersham. Accessible from Petersham Center, on New Salem Road. There are pine groves, brooks and forest trails.

Fireplaces and tables are provided.

Otter River State Forest. Located in Winchendon, Templeton and Royalston. Miller's River runs through part of the forest. Within two miles of Dennison Lake, a favorite resort. On state road (Route 32) from Baldwinville to Winchendon, take left fork at Dennison Lake along dirt road to marked reservation house road junction.

At camping place at King Philip Rock tables and fireplaces will be found. Also at Priest Brook.

Oxford State Forest. Located in Oxford. Fire tower on this forest.

Petersham State Forest. Located in Petersham. Adjoins Harvard Forest.

Spencer State Forest. Located in Spencer and Leicester. About one and one-half miles from Spencer.

Sutton State Forest. Located in Sutton. Adjoins Purgatory Chasm. Not far from State Fish Hatchery at Wilkinsonville.

Templeton State Forest. Located in Templeton.

Westminster State Forest. Located in Westminster.

Upton State Forest. Located in Upton.

West Brookfield State Forest. Located in West Brookfield.

RESERVATIONS UNDER CARE OF SPECIAL OR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chesterfield Gorge. Located in Chesterfield. Near Route 109A.

Deer Hill Reservation. Located in Cummington and Plainfield.

Goodwill Park. Located in Falmouth.

Governor Hutchinson's Field. Located in Milton. View of Neponset Valley.

Greylock State Reservation. Located in Williamstown, North Adams, Adams, Cheshire and New Ashford. Well forested with spruce and hardwoods. Highest elevation 3,500 feet. Accessible by automobile from Lanesborough. Ten miles to summit. Best forest trail four miles from State highway at Cheshire, near Adams line.

Halibut Point. Located in Rockport.

Monument Mountain Reservation. Located in Great Barrington. Interesting limestone mountain. On Route 7.

Mount Ann Park. Located in Gloucester. Fine view from observatory.

Mount Everett State Reservation. Located in Mount Washington. Fire tower. Tri-State view. Motor road to Gilder Pond.

Mount Toby State Demonstration Forest. Located in Sunderland and Leverett. Good view from fire tower, including panorama of Connecticut River.

Mount Tom State Reservation. Located in Easthampton, Northampton and Holyoke. Good view. Cog railway to summit, and motor road.

Mount Sugar Loaf State Reservation. Located in Deerfield. One of the finest views of the Connecticut valley. No automobile road, but summit easy to reach by foot trail.

Old Town Hill. Located in Newbury. Extensive view of North Shore marshes and Plum Island.

Petticoat Hill. Located in Williamsburg.

Pine Knoll. Located in Sheffield.

Province Lands. Located in Provincetown.

Purgatory Chasm. Located in Sutton. Interesting gorge, hemlock grove. Tables and fireplaces. Motor road from Whitinsville.

Rhododendron Swamp. Located in Medfield.

Rocky Narrows. Located in Sherborn on Charles River.

Wachusett Mountain State Reservation. Located in Princeton. Elevation nearly 2,000 feet. Good automobile road to summit. One of the best views of Metropolitan Reservoirs and finest mountain view east of Connecticut River.

Walden Pond State Reservation. Located in Concord and Lincoln on the shores of Walden Pond made famous by Thoreau. Easily accessible from Boston. On Route 17.

Whitney Woods. Located in Cohasset.

William Cullen Bryant Homestead. Located in Cummington. Near Route 109.

Hunting and fishing are allowed on the State Forests in accordance with the Fish and Game regulations of the State, except that hunting is not allowed on the five forests purchased and established under the State Forest Commission, namely:—Arthur Warton Swann, Harold Parker, Myles Standish, Otter River, and Savoy Mountain State Forests. The use of fire arms is prohibited on these named forests. Wild life is protected on the D. A. R. State Forest, and a wild life sanctuary of 140 acres is established on the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs State Forest. No open air fires are permitted on any State Forest except in fire-places maintained for the purpose.

Tables for luncheon parties are also provided at the following observation tower lots:

Wellfleet	Holbrook
Acushnet	Warwick
Rehoboth	Oxford
Harvard	

Fire places with wood, camping lots, log cabins are rented to parties, and locations and prices can be had from the superintendent in charge of the forest.

